

What can healthcare providers do to prepare for NJIIS in their Practice?

Participation in NJIIS will help providers to efficiently administer immunizations. If you are not a participating provider you should;

- Assess your computer needs and ensure computer hardware/software compatibility with NJIIS requirements
- Ensure all staff members are comfortable using computers
- Allot sufficient time for staff training
- Discuss with your staff how NJIIS can be incorporated in your immunization service delivery and develop a plan
- Enroll staff as NJIIS users
- To enroll your practice go to njiis.nj.gov & click "NJIIS Training Opportunities" and contact the MCHC Regional Trainer listed for your county

What are the technical requirements for NJIIS?

PC Hardware minimum requirements:

- 300 MHZ processor running Windows 98
- 64 MB RAM
- 56K Internet connection

PC Software requirements:

- Internet Explorer 6.0
- High speed Internet access is recommended



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What is NJIIS?

The New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIIS) is a universal statewide web-based immunization registry designed to capture immunization histories of all New Jersey children, regardless of where they receive their vaccinations. There are no software costs or user fees for providers to use the NJIIS. The Registry helps healthcare providers to ensure that all children within the state are protected against vaccine preventable diseases. NJIIS is the official immunization registry for the state of NJ and is in use in all 21 counties. It was created in 1997 and has been web-based since May 2002.

NJIIS is a population-based immunization registry where children are entered into the registry at birth through a linkage with the electronic birth record process. A healthcare provider also can initiate a registry record in their practice when a shot is administered to a child. The system allows for the exchange of information with healthcare delivery systems such as managed care plans, WIC, and Medicaid.

The primary purpose of the NJIIS is to:

- Provide patients, health care providers, schools, and childcare facilities timely access to complete, accurate, and relevant clinical immunization records
- Provide parents with a complete immunization record for their children
- Assist health care providers in evaluating the immunization status of their patients and identifying children who need or are past due for immunizations
- Help healthcare providers and communities assess immunization coverage and identify pockets of need
- Helps to meet the National and State Healthy People 2010 objective of 95% enrollment for children 6 years of age and under

What are benefits to healthcare providers using NJIIS?

- **Access to real-time clinical immunization information and provide current vaccine recommendations**
- **Reduce paperwork and staff time in obtaining records and responding to record requests**
- **Ability to instantly print a child's official immunization record for school enrollment**
- **Consolidate immunizations from all providers to complete child's immunization history**
- **Enable accurate immunization assessment**
- **Help interpret the complex immunization schedule**
- **Electronic interfaces with health plans, WIC and Child Lead Program**
- **Access to child's preventative health history such as TB and Lead test results**
- **Quick access to newborn hearing screening results**
- **Ability to electronically submit newborn hearing "lost to follow up" form**
- **Automated vaccine inventory adjusts each time a shot is administered**
- **Ability to electronically generate VFC eligibility form**
- **Online vaccine ordering and inventory management**

Is NJIIS HIPAA-compliant?

Yes, NJIIS is recognized as a public health entity and is consistent with the privacy and confidentiality principals set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Covered entities are permitted under HIPAA to report information to public health authorities.

New Jersey public health law allows the sharing of immunization information with the following entities:

- State and local health departments
- Healthcare providers
- Schools
- Colleges and universities
- Head Start
- Licensed and registered childcare facilities
- Insurance health plans

